

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JAMES LASTRA,

Plaintiff,

v.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, JOSEPH ULAM,
DAVID GRAD, PHILLIP AMMONDS,
HOWARD HARTIG, TINA RICE, BARBARA
SINGLETON, BARBARA JORDON, LENIER
HARLEY, OLAWA FALOKUN, KENNETH
FINNEGAN, PATSY CATAPANO, CESAR
PEREZ, and LAURA BARBIERI,
Individually, and as Agents,
Servants and/or Employees,

Defendants.
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BARBARA S. JONES
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Defendants have sent a letter dated July 29, 2008 regarding recently-filed cross-motions in this case. The letter includes discussion as to whether this Court or Judge Gorenstein should handle these motions as well as the pending motion to amend, and whether Judge Gorenstein's pre-motion conference requirement applies to the cross-motions.

It is not necessary at this time to determine which judge will decide the motion to amend or the cross-motions. For the sake of uniformity, any pre-motion conference requirement of Judge Gorenstein, to the extent it is applicable, is waived with respect to the instant cross-motions only. The parties should

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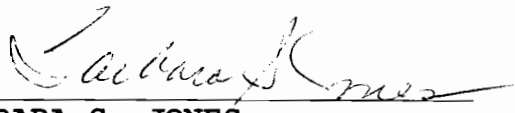
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Order

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attempt to agree on a briefing scheduling for the cross-motions.
Any disputes with respect to scheduling should be directed to
Judge Gorenstein.

SO ORDERED:


BARBARA S. JONES
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: New York, New York
July 30, 2008